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BIG BEAR RAID ON MARKET FOLLOWS WICKERSHAM'S SILENCE ON TRUST PLANS

1,464,600 Shares Are Traded
in Busiest Day Since July
26, 1910.

RALLY AS DAY ENDS.

Reported Prosecution of Reading
and American Telegraph
Starts Slide for Bottom.

Reports that added Reading and American Telegraph and Telephone, along with United States Steel, to the list of forthcoming Federal prosecutions, today precipitated the most violent downward movement. Tens of millions of dollars disappeared from the market valuations of stocks all along the list.

Where Steel had caught the brunt of the bear battle for three days, all the securities listed caught today's infection. Railroads and industrials went sliding to lower figures than any one had dreamed. Toward the close of the market the whole list rallied. Gains were made all along the line, but they came late in a day of interest and of event.

On the closing figures the stock list got back about one-half its total losses for the day.

DAYS' SHRINKAGE REACHED
\$100,000,000.

Merely indicating how values curl up in the trading frenzy on such a day, Reading lost some \$7,000,000 of its value; Steel added a loss of \$7,000,000 to enormous slump of about \$100,000,000 it had already suffered; Union Pacific dropped \$11,000,000; American Cotton Oil, \$1,000,000; St. Paul something like \$1,000,000 and so along the entire line until the aggregate total of \$100,000,000 shrinkage in stock values was reached without exhausting the list of possibilities or the schedule of listed corporations.

In effect the market became a great \$100,000,000 auction in which anybody in the world with anywhere from ten dollars to millions might play for a part of the losses of the other fellow.

The total sales for the day were 1,464,600 shares, the largest since July 26, 1910.

The big wave of selling followed the refusal of Attorney-General Wickersham to make a statement concerning the future intentions of the Department of Justice. The Attorney-General got in town this morning and agents for the Wall street news agencies anxiously awaited a statement, which was contently expected. When, about 10:30 a. m., he said that he would make no statement during the day the exchange began.

UNION PACIFIC STOCK HAMMERED DOWN NEARLY 6 POINTS

Union Pacific rapidly became a full brother in trouble to Reading. After an opening at 159 1/2 the stock was hammered down to 153 5/8 on a sensational run of selling orders. Lots of 700, 500, 2,000 and 500 shares were thrown on the market all at once, with only fractional differences in the selling price.

The other stocks took the cue and went tumbling in a fashion that made a new record for low prices during the present selling movement. Copper dropped from 48 1/2 to 47 1/2 almost in a flash, with American Smelting falling from 26 3/4 to 26 1/2, and Anaconda going off from 32 to 30. American Cotton Oil took a slide from 57 7/8 to 46—a sensational loss in the market value of this security.

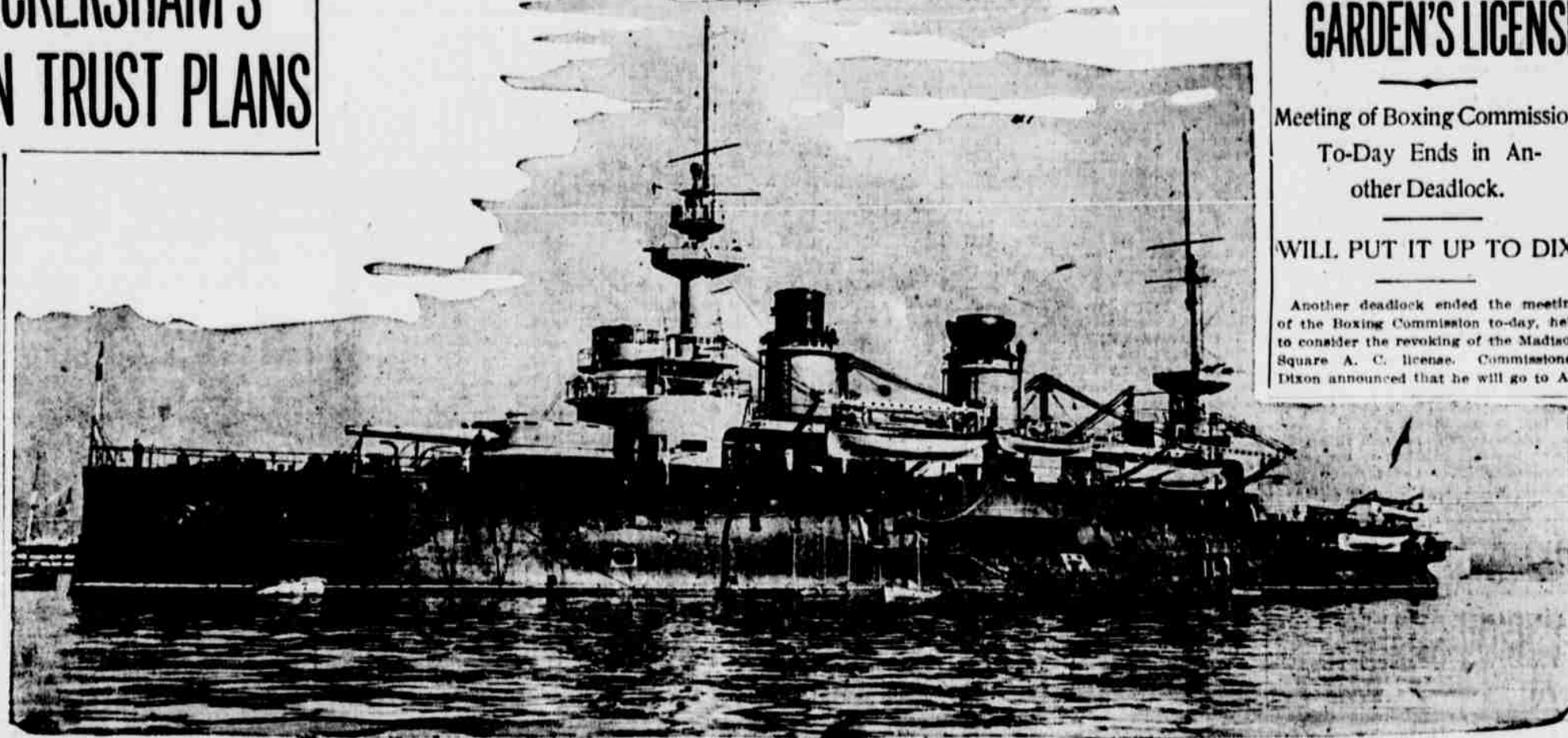
St. Paul started in at 111 1/2 and dropped to 109 1/2 in the first rapid downward movement. Canadian Pacific lost 3 points. The whole scene came from a comparatively calm atmosphere. The broker had been led to believe that there would have been a reassuring statement from the Attorney-General during the early hours of the trading, and they became panicky as soon as they had assurance that no such check to the selling could be expected during the day's market session.

By 1 o'clock the sales on the Exchange had reached the unusual total of 935,500 shares, with the brokers facing 200 more of activity. It became evident

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French Battleship Liberte Blown Up and Sunk With Many of Her Crew

(Photographed in North River during Hudson-Fulton Celebration. Copyright by Paul Thompson.)



DIXON REFUSES TO VOTE AGAINST GARDEN'S LICENSE

Meeting of Boxing Commission
To-Day Ends in Another Deadlock.

WILL PUT IT UP TO DIX.

Another deadlock ended the meeting of the Boxing Commission to-day, held to consider the revoking of the Madison Square A. C. license. Commissioner Dixon announced that he will go to Albany to-night and that he has asked the Governor for an audience to-morrow morning. On Thursday at 2 o'clock the matter will be settled definitely one way or the other.

Major Dixon, outlined his position clearly.

"I have not received any direct communication from the Governor," he said. "Of course, I had the verbal message conveyed by Mr. O'Neill, and I don't in the least doubt his word. I tried to get the Governor on the telephone, and only succeeded in reaching his secretary, Mr. Mason. Mr. Mason was present at the interview between Gov. Dix and Mr. O'Neill, and he repeated the Governor's wishes to me. But I am not even sure that it was Secretary Mason that I had on the phone."

"I have received an opinion from Assistant Attorney-General McQuaid. He informs me that the club's lease, as it stands on paper, is valid. The Governor, of course, bases his opinion on his own legal advice. It may finally rest with the Governor, but I am not sure. I propose to lay before him my reasons for thinking the lease valid. 'Has the Governor authority to order you to revoke the lease, if your opinion differs?' was asked.

"That is a question I can't answer until after the interview," said Major Dixon.

"The Governor appointed me and I am responsible to him, and naturally I hope to be able to follow his instructions conscientiously. One thing that I allude upon him is the appointment of another Commissioner to fill the vacancy. That will settle the question and break the deadlock in any case. The present situation is extremely unpleasant to both Mr. O'Neill and myself."

"I have already asked for that," put in Mr. O'Neill.

"The National Sporting Club has sent the Commissioner a copy of a new lease on its old quarters, covering a full year, but has not yet applied for a new license."

"Is the Boxing Commission obliged to grant a license to any one who fulfills the conditions of the law?" was asked.

"We will determine that later," said Mr. O'Neill. "The Boxing Commission once refused to license Mr. Butler's case meeting at the Empire track, and the courts reversed the finding of the commission in that case. It is not right to arbitrarily discriminate for or against any promoter. However, we will be guided by our judgment of surrounding circumstances in each separate case."

Police Give Up Taxicab Mystery.
After waiting two months for the police to turn up some one connected with the taxicab robbery of Jacobus Jewellery store on Sixth avenue, July 22, a jury chosen by Coroner Winterkorn reached a verdict to-day, declaring that Adolph Stern, the clerk who was killed by the hold-up men, came to his death at the hands of a person or persons known.

The case has baffled the best detectives in the city.

TO DENOUNCE NEW CHARTER.
A mass meeting to denounce the proposed new city charter will be held to-morrow evening at Cooper Union. The meeting was called by Controller Frederick J. Borah, President McAleny and William M. Fins, who will do the denouncing.

Mayor Gaynor has been invited to attend and defend the charter, which will come up within the next forty-eight hours.

World Building Turkish Bath.
A new Turkish bath will be built at the corner of 11th and Broadway. The building is to be a two-story structure, 60 feet long.

300 HURLED TO DEATH AS BIG BLOW-UP SINKS BATTLESHIP LIBERTE

Death and Panic on Big Sea Fighter
When Four Powder Magazines
Explode in Quick Succession
While Crew Fight Flames.

VESSEL BREAKS IN TWO,
GOES TO BOTTOM AT TOULON

Victims Hurled High in Air and
Bodies Strewn Over Harbor—
Men on Other Vessels Killed.

TOULON, France, Sept. 25.—Three hundred men were killed early to-day when the French battleship *Liberte* was shattered and sunk by four terrific explosions in the powder magazines, following a fire on the vessel. The dead included officers and men of the *Liberte* and also a large number of those from warships anchored nearby.

Vice-Admiral Bellue, commanding the second squadron, to which the *Liberte* was attached, telegraphed the Ministry of Marine to-night as follows: "About 300 men are dead or missing, which estimate includes those from other ships in the harbor."

Several small boats which had gone from the other warships to the aid of the *Liberte* sank when the final explosion occurred. Twenty men were killed and fifty injured on board the *Democrat* and there were fatalities on the *Verite* and *Republique*. The latter was damaged and was obliged to dock hastily.

HER GUNS SOUND REQUIEM SALUTE.

The first alarm of fire was sounded shortly after 5 A. M. This was followed by four successive explosions of increasing intensity as the fire neared the powder magazines, when at 5:35 a deafening explosion literally tore the great warship to pieces and sent her to the bottom, a mass of twisted wreckage.

The force of the explosion was so great that huge fissures were opened in the steel armor and framework of the warship. A piece of armor plate was hurled against the cruiser *Republique* with great force, damaging her plates. Scores of bodies were hurled high into the air with huge fragments of framework, armor, bursting shells and the suffocating smoke from the exploded magazines.

The awful upheaval came as the gray dawn of morning was breaking. On the first explosion the men rushed from their quarters, and a hundred or more sought safety in plunging overboard. But the great body of men, officers and crew, remained on the ship, and were hurled high in air or in the water as the culminating explosion tore the ship into fragments. The ship broke in two in the middle as she sank. Before she took her final plunge several of her guns discharged a requiem salute.

The carnage in the explosion was worse than could ever have occurred in an actual naval engagement. The first crash came when the crew was for the most part dispersed in various sections of the vessel. They were without warning of their danger. Scores of bodies were hurled high into the air, accompanied by great fragments of framework, armor, bursting shells and the blinding, suffocating smoke of the powder.

MANY KILLED WHILE ASLEEP

Men below, who had not yet been awakened, were killed in their sleep. Others, awakened by the explosion, started to jump overboard and were caught by the second detonation. The crew was panic-stricken and rushed wildly about, groping through the blinding smoke, in which many fell unconscious from suffocation.

There were many vessels in the harbor at the time, including a number of warships, which have been manoeuvring here since the first of the month. The first explosion brought a quick response from the nearby men-of-war and from the shore. Dozens of boats put off and picked up survivors and floating bodies.

There were four tremendous explosions in quick succession after the fire reached the magazines. One hundred men saved themselves by jumping, and others would have escaped but for the discipline which held them at their posts. At the first explosion the men below suddenly awakened, tumbled from their berths and, rushing to the sides of the vessel, were throwing themselves overboard when an order calling them to their stations rang out and held to their death those who had not already escaped.

CRASH CAME WITH LITTLE WARNING.
The fire was discovered about 5 o'clock and a signal sounded throughout the vessel summoning the crew to fire quarters. Immediately the order was given to flood the holds but the rushing water failed to check the rapidly spreading flames.

Smoke poured from the warship and attracted the attention of the other

LINER CUT WHALE IN TWO OFF BANKS, PASSENGER SAYS

New Rochambeau, Second and
Third Class Only, Here
on Maiden Trip.

The new French Line steamship Rochambeau, which carries only second and third-class passengers, arrived here today on her maiden voyage. The trip across had been uneventful save for a reported collision with a whale two days ago when the ship was off the Grand Banks.

According to the passengers who reported the demise of the ill-fated whale, the cetacean had tried to cross the Rochambeau's bow and miscalculated the distance. There was a soft, thudding impact, just as if the vessel had bumped against a rubber iceberg. The whale was seen to divide itself in two, the bow of the whale going on one hundred yards or so and then dipping out of sight. The tail end of the whale backed off, shook itself feebly a few times and sank. The water was crimsoned for a few moments.

One passenger, who lives in New Jersey, thought he heard the whale cry out. He could not describe the cry further than to say it sounded like a loud moan.

The Rochambeau has two propellers and is equipped with two reciprocating and two turbine engines.

GIRL BRIDE SUES.

Young Mrs. Pries Testifies Against Husband.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 25.—The troubles of William Henry Pries, a manufacturer of Arlington, who is well known in the state, and his girl bride Lena, who is eighteen, were aired today in Vice-Chancellor Howell's Court. The couple were married on April 5 of last year, and separated June 25, following.

According to the girl wife, who is suing for separate maintenance, she had to leave Pries because of his harsh treatment of her.

Pries has children by a former marriage, and after his marriage to the present Mrs. Pries, he took her to his home at No. 157 Laurel avenue, Arlington.

Mrs. Pries testified that he installed Alma Peterson as housekeeper, and gave her engagement and wedding rings to the housekeeper. He had threatened her, she said, with a revolver. He made a denial.

FOUR SAILORS, ILL, TAKEN FROM SHIP TO A HOSPITAL

Board of Health Inspectors
Trying to Determine Na-
ture of Malady.

At the request of the captain of the steamer City of Chicago, which is docked at the foot of West Twenty-ninth street, four sailors were removed from the vessel to New York Hospital this afternoon. Board of Health inspectors went to the hospital to make an examination of the men and find out the nature of a sickness from which they have been suffering for two weeks.

The City of Chicago arrived here two days ago from the West Coast of Africa, and the commander summoned a doctor to attend his four sailors—Riley, Morse, George Rouse, Alfred Tanner and Charles Damsell. The doctor admitted he was puzzled, and it was on his advice that the Board of Health was notified and the sailors were taken ashore.

The symptoms of the men are said to be different from those of cholera. The disease indicated is believed by the captain to be more on the order of typhoid malarial.

**VIRGINIA NOTABLE KILLED
IN A FEUD SHOOTING.**

James A. Pettit, a Colonel on Governor's Staff, Shot Down by
Foe on Hotel Porch.

LOVINGSTON, Va., Sept. 25.—The James A. Pettit, of Roseland, thirty-eight years old, a Colonel on Gov. Mann's staff, was shot and killed by Benjamin Hubbard on a hotel porch here to-day. The men quarrelled about an old grudge between their families. Hubbard fired six shots into Pettit's body.

PROSTRATED BY HEAT.
Unseasonable Weather Makes Citizens Uncomfortable.

The thermometer reading reported by the Weather Bureau at 1 P. M. to-day was 81 degrees. The sticky and unseasonable heat made the whole city uncomfortable in its fast apparel. One case of heat prostration was reported by the Police Department early in the day.

SCORES TO-DAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT CINCINNATI.

GIANTS—0 0 1 0 0 —
CINCINNATI—0 0 0 0 0 —

Batteries—Crandall and Meyers; Suggs and McLean.

AT PITTSBURGH.

BROOKLYN—2 0 3 0 0 0 0 0—5
PITTSBURGH—2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—4

Batteries—Hucker and Berger; Hendrix and Simon.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AT NEW YORK.

CHICAGO—0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1—4
HIGHLANDERS—2 0 2 1 0 0 —

Batteries—Scott and Block; Fisher and Williams.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

DETROIT—0 0 0 4 0 —
ATHLETICS—0 1 0 1 0 —

Batteries—Mullen and Stanage; Morgan and Livingston.

AT BOSTON.

ST. LOUIS—0 1 0 0 0 0 —
BOSTON—1 3 0 1 0 2 —

Batteries—George and Stevens; Wood and Nunnemaker.

AT WASHINGTON.

CLEVELAND—0 0 0 0 —
WASHINGTON—0 0 0 0 —

Batteries—Blanding and Easterly; Hughes and Street.

**WELLS-JOHNSON FIGHT
WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.**

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Wells-Johnson fight scheduled for Oct. 2 will not take place. Home Secretary Churchill stated to-night that unless the promoters voluntarily abandon the match, he will see before a magistrate and have the men bound over to keep the peace. The promoters are understood to have agreed to officially announce that the match has been abandoned.

TURKISH TROOPS TO TRIPOLI.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 25.—The First Army Corps is being mobilized for embarkation to Tripoli to enforce the 1909 Turkish troops already there. The readiness to oppose an Italian seizure of the colony.